

The town my parents live in was recently hit by a tornado & I live about 200 miles away, I could not get them by phone so I tried the Red Cross, Highway Patrol & local police with no success. I was frantic & needed to find out if they were alright but how? My father is a ham radio operator & a gentleman I work with offered to try to contact them for me. The damage was very extensive to the town & the only way to contact anyone was by morse code on the ham radio, fortunately everyone in my family was fine & I was very relieved.

Instances such as this are why I agree with the FISTS petition & feel that morse code should be a part of the licensing test.